



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 27, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Andrew R. Greenwood, Chief of Police

Subject: Contract: Axon for Body Worn Cameras, Accessories, Storage and Software

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution pursuant to City Charter Article XI Section 67.2 requirements, accepting the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA) bid procedures, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract and any amendments to equip the police department with body worn camera equipment, software, and services with Axon for an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 over five years.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This purchase will not exceed \$1,250,000 and includes the cost of 200 body worn cameras, charging stations, accessories, software licenses, training and unlimited storage for five years. The purchase also includes replacement cameras and charging stations during the third and fifth year of the contract.

The funds will be available in FY 2018 as follows: \$250,000 in General Fund budget code 010-7101-420-70-47 and for each fiscal year through FY 2022.

There will be an annual future cost of approximately \$250,000 to the police department's budget for a staff person to administer the body worn camera program beginning in year two. This position is currently not in the FY 2018 and FY 2019 Proposed Biennial Budget.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City Council directed the City Manager to develop a plan to implement the use of body worn cameras for the Berkeley Police Department. Additionally, terms of a recent court settlement entered into by the City of Berkeley stipulated that the City will pursue the purchase of body worn cameras for all police officers. Consistent with these directions, the police department is requesting council approval to purchase body worn cameras, accessories, storage, software licenses and services from Axon, under the National IPA Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

BACKGROUND

For purchases over \$25,000, Finance General Services solicits bids or piggybacks off other competitively bid contracts to ensure City departments receive the best pricing available. In addition, prior to each purchase, General Services performs market research to ensure the City receives the best available pricing.

The City is eligible to make purchases under the National IPA. This program offers contracts available for state and local government purchases. All National IPA contracts have been publicly solicited and provide fast and cost effective procurement solutions. The National IPA program awards master agreements, such as those with Axon, which lowers costs and provides savings to participating agencies such as the City of Berkeley.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are potential savings related to the reduction of printing or duplication costs due to the use of digital evidence storage, review, and retention.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Body Worn Cameras have become industry standard equipment in policing. The community, the City, Berkeley Police Officers, and the Police Review Commission all see value in equipping the Berkeley Police Department with this equipment which provides valuable evidence in police investigations, and promotes a higher level of accountability for all parties involved in community – police interactions. Case studies have further shown that body worn cameras drastically reduce citizen complaints and use-of-force incidents.

Axon has been providing law enforcement agencies with body worn camera solutions since 2009 and provides a suite of products with comprehensive features that aid in the collection and management of video evidence. Axon cameras have a unique combination of features including superior low-light performance, full-shift battery life, a capture rate of 30 frames per second with no dropped frames, pre-event buffering, multi-camera playback, and the ability to automatically categorize video using the police department's computer aided dispatch system. Hardware will be replaced twice during the five-year contract ensuring that the police department has the most up to date technology.

Axon's software and evidence management system are comprehensive, secure, and intuitive to use. Further, the Alameda County District Attorney has already adopted Axon's system to accept and manage digital evidence from within the county.

Axon was awarded the Tucson, Arizona body worn camera contract through their Request-For-Proposal process. This contract was brought into the National IPA, a cooperative that the City of Berkeley has worked with in the past.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ~~##,###~~-N.S.

CONTRACT: AXON FOR TWO HUNDRED BODY WORN CAMERAS ALONG WITH RELATED HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND STORAGE

WHEREAS, 200 body worn cameras are needed by the Berkeley Police Department to provide evidence in criminal investigations and better document police interactions with the community; and

WHEREAS, Charter section 67.2 allows the City to purchase goods without undergoing a competitive bid process if the City is using pricing obtained by another public entity through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA) agreements are available for purchasing by state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the National IPA has Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with vendors, thus providing lower costs on commodities and equipment to participating public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department and Finance-General Services reviewed the specifications and determined the National IPA contract meets the needs of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the cost of 200 cameras, related hardware, software licenses, storage and support for 5 years will not exceed \$1,250,000 and funds will be available in FY2018 as follows: \$250,000.00 in 010-7101-420-70-47 and for each fiscal year through FY2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that pursuant to the National IPA bid procedures and specifications, the City Manager is hereby authorized under Charter section 672 to negotiate and execute a contract and any amendments to purchase 200 new body worn cameras along with the related hardware, software licenses, storage and support for five years from Axon in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.